

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you not to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe this merger is detrimental to the competition of satellite and broadband services.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators, but will virtually eliminate any competition in the satellite market.

The combination of EchoStar and HUGHES may result in increased competition in the broadband market in general, but will ultimately cause it to stagnate in the long run.

In contrast to this merger, I believe that measures should be taken to increase the availability of competitive choices in the area of cable/satellite service. Currently I live in a market that effectively squelches most of this competition (especially in the area of cable access.)

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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